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Letter dated 22 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to refer to your report of 4 June 2007 on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2007/328) and, in particular, to paragraph 28 thereof, concerning the ongoing demolition of Greek Cypriot houses by the Turkish occupation forces in the occupied town of Rizokarpaso without the owners' consent.

While my Government expresses its appreciation for the commendable efforts of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus towards the Turkish side for stopping this illegal practice, we regret to inform you that 80 houses have been demolished so far (see annex) and many others have been paint-marked by the Turkish forces for oncoming demolition. According to information in the Turkish Cypriot press, after the houses of the Greek Cypriots are demolished, the plots of land are offered to settlers from mainland Turkey, in addition to financial assistance for the construction of new houses.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus strongly protests these developments, which constitute a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, which both stipulate with clarity the obligations of an occupying power — in this case of the Republic of Turkey — in the field of property rights. Regrettably, this case would constitute, if it is not prevented, a deplorable addition to a series of similar cases, which demonstrate the direct involvement of Turkey in the unlawful exploitation of Greek Cypriot properties in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its attachment to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**

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Annex to the letter dated 22 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

List of owners of demolished properties in Rizokarpaso, Cyprus

A. Community of Anavrisis

1. Eleni Xontrou (Velounia)
2. Elli Socratous (Mikelli)
3. Zacharias Liasou
4. Agathagellos Chari
5. Nicolas Charpas
6. Dimitris Fragoudis
7. Crhistodoulos M. Parpottas
8. Liasos Fragoudis
9. Eleni Ttoouli Nasari
10. Michails Pitziorris
11. Crhistodoulos K. Parpottas
12. Eleni Pavlou
13. Yiannis Charpas
14. Nicolas Tsikkirou
15. Charls Agathagelou
16. Andreas Chambi
17. Stella Pitrakkou (Petinou)
18. Christina P. Pitakkou
19. Panayis Michaelou
20. Yiannia Poxamatis
21. Neophytos Poyiadjis
22. Thekla Matheou
23. Yiannis Poxamatis
24. Marla Milous
25. Argyroulla Sotiriou
26. Yiannis Thrasivoulou
27. Nicolas Kliris
28. Maria Charidimou

29. Annezou Michall Metaxa
30. Polyxeni Ttokkallou
31. Savvas Matheou
32. Matheos Poylatzis
33. Despo Kolatsi (Mouzouri)
34. Despo Kolatsi (Mouzouri)
35. Evagelos Kolatsis
36. Pantelis Pitrakkou

B. Community of Leko

1. Eleni I. Loizou
2. Kyriaki Tanti (hereditary)
3. Maroulia Chronia (hereditary)
4. Sotira Kayiatou
5. Lambis Solomou (Falas)
6. Zacharias Ttoulouras
7. Michalis Theofanous
8. Stellos Pallikaros
9. Yiannis Klonaros
10. Athina Kattou (Tarza)
11. Andreas Kyamidis (doctor)
12. Flourentza Pamballi
13. Nicolas or Christakis Velounias
14. Pavlos Korkou
15. Crhistodoulos Xiouri
16. Stella Xiouri
17. Stylianos Maroullous
18. Yiannis Maroullous
19. Stylianos Manitaras (Loukias)
20. Dimitris Charou
21. Maria Lazari
22. Andreas X"Panayi
23. Prodromos Prodromou Giorgos
24. Maria Avrami

C. Community of Ayla Trias

1. Maria Z. Vasili (Giogalli)
2. Zacharias A. Koulias
3. Sofia Ktori
4. Androulla Psara (Ilia)
5. Anastasis Yiannikkou
6. Crhistodoulos Synesi
7. Yiannis Yiannikkou
8. Petros Pafitis
9. Petros Koulias
10. Christofis Koulias
11. Stellos Stylianou
12. Vasilis G. Vasili
13. Andriana Saxli
14. Vasilis Stylianou
15. Sofia Ktori
16. Sofia Koulia
17. Andriana Tatzlarou
18. Savvas N. Pafitis
19. Antonis Flourou
20. Maria P. Lefteri (X"Panayi)